

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 1
THIRD QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard,
St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 1 during third quarter 2003 was 596,869, a decrease of 1.1% from the second quarter 2003, and an increase of 0.5% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in seven of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 3.9% was in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2003, second quarter 2003, third quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 15. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 1 with 79,176 employees, or 13.3% of total employment. Orleans was the leading parish with 248,187 employees, or 41.6% of total employment.

Total wages increased 4.3% from the same period in 2002, and increased 0.08% from the second quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$627.24. St. Charles parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$783.27.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 1 is listed in the table below. Average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 1" beginning on page 18.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Jefferson	\$ 585.44
Orleans	673.29
Plaquemines	761.90
St. Bernard	543.54
St. Charles	783.27
St. James	698.74
St. John the Baptist	583.44
St. Tammany	525.46

The number of reporting units in RLMA 1 for third quarter 2003 was 37,193.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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